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<b>(54) Title:</b> SPILL RESISTANT CARPET BACKING  <b>(57) Abstract</b>  An aqueous dispersed polymeric composition for preparing the spill resistant carpet backing is provided. The aqueous dispersed polymeric composition of the present invention comprises an aqueous dispersed polymeric material, an inorganic filler, and a hydrophobic compound selected from the group consisting of a hydrophobic acid, a salt of a hydrophobic acid, and mixtures thereof. Alternatively, the inorganic filler is pretreated with the hydrophobic compound. Also, a kit and a method for preparing a spill resistant carpet backing from the aqueous dispersed polymeric composition is provided.		

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